

# **EXHIBIT 41**

Memorandum to Chief Engineer received December 16, 1914  
from H.W. Deets, Superintendent of Irrigation

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Chief Engineer:-

The situation at Walker River is about as stated by Supervisor Wilson. The work which we have been doing has been largely toward improvement of the existing system, aiding those Indians who are so inclined to use the water, and in maintenance and operation, including protection from encroachments of the river floods. There are many allotments which are not now covered by ditch <sup>but are susceptible of irrigation</sup> and which can be irrigated. On account of the scarcity of water I had not intended pushing this part of the work. I have recognized the necessity of augmenting the water supply by storage and Mr. Weber has instructions to investigate the dam and reservoir sites mentioned by Supervisor Wilson. Progress on this project has been greatly retarded by the inability of obtaining funds and authorities due to a series of changes in Superintendents, and the reluctance of each to assume any responsibility for the irrigation disbursements.



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Superintendent of Irrigation.